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iffice: Nos. 25 and 27 Fourteenth Street TUESDAY MORNING, PERSUARY S.

ing on for the last two days, although i will take a week of such weather to melt the snow that covers the face of the coun try throughout all this region to the depth of several inches. In the city the sleighing is about done for, but in the country it is as good as ever. Up in Brooke county as we observed during an excursion ex-tending from Saturday up to yesterday, they have never had such sleighing. It was seven weeks yesterday since the peo ple commenced traveling on runners in stead of wheels, and they have kept it up ever since. The roads have been in per fect order almost all the time, and the amount of hauling on sleds that has been done is immense. The people of Wash ington county, as far east as Buf-falo Village, have hauled hay and

ington county, as far east as Buffalo Village, have hauled hay and
wheat to Wellsburg, and all the farmers have utilized the snow to the fullest
extent in the way of hauling timber, coal
and all sorts of farm stuff. The only
drawback has been that the weather has
prevented corn husking to such an extent
that very little corn has been marketed,
effort may be, for the moment, to the
demagogue. that very little corn has been marketed, most farmers having no more husked than sufficed for their stock. The country is full of corn, but it nevertheless readily brings fifty cents, and is not plenty at that. There is also a good deal of hay, but the uncertainties of winter feeding have the uncertainties of winter recently fixed been such that those who have plenty of it are not inclined to sell it even at \$18 per ton. They want to see whether the ground hog theory of six weeks of winter, dating from the 2d of this month, will pan dating from the 2d of this month, whi pai out this year or not. They believe a good deal more in the ground hog sign than in Mother Shipton's prophecy about the world coming to an end this year, and and hence are not inclined to lot go their grip on their earthly possessions yet

awhile.

The quantity of ice that has been put up in the private ice houses in the country never was as great as it is this year. And for that matter, the quantity of it that has been piled up by the wayside was never haif as great. A curious specimen of this piling up can be seen on the Wellsburg and Bethany pike near Buchanan's, about half way between the two places. Owing to'a gorge in Buffalo creek near that pisce prior to the last break up, the creek overpoured the bottoms in the vicinity, carrying with it fences and huge masses of ice, and depositing them to the 'depth of saveral feet over the pike and adjacent territory. To such an extent was the pike blockaded that half a hundred men had to be called into service by the turnpike company and set to work with picks and shovels to cut a road through the solid ice and the icy debris. They cut a narrow gauge through, just wide enough for a wagon, and the consequence is that vehicles pass between the solid icy walls after the fashion of the Israelites passing through the Red sea between solid walls after the fashion of the I rarelites passing through the Red sea between solid walls of water. It is really a curiosity to see the freak that has thus played by the waters of the usually well behaved Buffalo creek this winter. One of the chief sufferers by the freak is a Mr. Wharton who lives in the vicinity, and whose fine bottom land has been literally and irretrievably ruined by the new channel cut through by the

been literally and irretrievably ruined by the new channel cut through by the creek. Mr. Wharton is a man whom "disaster has followed fast and followed faster," having had his house burned only a short time ago. His last calamity has fallen as a heavy blow upen him.

The unusual winter weather that we have had has made feeding a pretty expensive matter to the farmers, although stock of all kinds have thriven and are in good condition at this time. The sheep however are faltering a little in their thrift, and are showing signs of the need of value.

In accepting it, I beg leave to indicate next Saturday, the 12th, as the time.

With profound gratitude to you personally, and to the House of Delegates for its generous tender of the hall, I remain, gentlemen, very truly,

Your obedient servant,

Thos. D. Houston. however are faltering a little in their thrift, and are showing signs of the need of contact with the earth. Dry feeding for so long a time palls upon the appetite and thickens the blood too much. Hence some farmers are feeding apples and turnips in addition to their dry feed. These have a corrective effect on the appetite and the circulation.

We notice that some sheep in the country are well heused this weather, while others are permitted to remain exposed most of the time. The theory of those who let them lie out around the stacks is that it is a natural eart of exposure, for Rescued from Beath.

The following statement of William J.
Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass, is so remark
able that we beg to ask for the attention e
our readers. He says: "In the fall of 1876.
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was taken with a violent bleeding of the lungs, followed by a severe cough. I soon began to loose my appetite and flesh. I was so weak at one time that I could not leave my bed. In the summer of 1877 I was admitted to the City Hospital. While there the doctors said I had a hole in my left lung as big as a half dollar. I expended over a hundred collars in doctors and medicines. I was so far gone at one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of Dr. William Hall's Balsam for the Lungs. I laughed at my friends, thinking that my case was less the long of the contract of the laughed at the laught of the laughed at the laught of the laughed at the laught of the laughed at high laughed at the laughed at laughed at the laughed at laughed at the laughed at who let them lie out around the stacks is that it is a natural sort of exposure, for which they are prepared by nature, and that it acts as a preventive against foot rot. They contend that the herding of sheep together in a sheep house heats and deflies their feet to such an extent as to produce foot rot. Whether this is the case or not it is certain that it takes agreat deal more feed to keep exposed sheep in even fair condition than it does those that are kept under shelter. kept under shelter.
These moonlight nights have been great

These moonlight nights have been great nights for sleighing parties in the country. A number of the young people of Bethany made a raid on Col. C. H. Beall's hospitable home on last Saturday night. They did not, however, find the Colonel and his good wife unprepared, and the heaped up fires and the good cheer that went round reminded one of those good old winter scenes recorded in Doddridge's Notes concerning the early days in this region. The night-was bright as day outside, and the sleigh bells made the air vocal with their music,

"Keeping time, time, time,
In a sort of Runic rhyme,
To the tintimbulation that so musically swells,
From the belie, belie, belie,

To the intimbulation that so musically swells, From the bells, bells, bells, "

It seems as it-sleighing must have been an institution specially get up for the benefit of young people. It is astonishing the amount of exposure that a young fellow and his girl can stand on a winter's night. They stand it better when parcelled out in sleighs—one pair to a sleigh—than when tumbled in together in large sled loads, paradoxical at it may seem. This shows the power of imagination. People who have passed out of their saiad days have more difficulty in invoking this power of imagination. They are prone to remember sleighing days that are past and gone, and to think if not to say with the Preacher of Ecclesiasses, "what is the cause that the former days were better than these?"

"Like the dew on the mountain, Like the foam on the river, Like the bubble on the fountain, Those days are gone and forever."

West Virginia and the Entirond Question N. Y. Tribune of Saturday.

The State of West Virginia is one of those young States which is as yet inadequately provided with railroads. Like some other States, however, it fancies it sees greater benefit to itself from despoil-ing the few railroads it has than from encouraging the construction of more. There are two lines of road crossing its territory from east to weat, with scarceys a fragment in the other directions. No State in proportion to its area, has such a wealth of timber, coal, fron ore, limestons, sait, petroleum, etc., all of which need, more than anything else, capitol and railroads to make them of value to her. Nevertheless, tempted by the cunning bait laid by Jeremiah Black, she is now saked to "regulate rates" of fare and freight.

A bill has been offered by some inveterate Granger that local freight shall be carried at the same rate, per mile, as the through freights, regardless of length of haul. Rates between Chicago and New couraging the construction of more,

York and Liverpool are made clear through; and to obtain any business over the lines crossing West Virginia the companies must make similar through rates or lose the freight. The expenditures for road bed, rails and fixed expenses are about the same for a railroad with only local traffic as for one with a large through traffic in addition—in other words, the road once built can run twenty extra through freight trains for a trifling addition to the total expense. The through traffic, taken from other lines, helps to pay the expenses and interest on first cost. This short-sighted Virginia legislator thinks it w 'ld be better to shut off the through traffic, and leave the road to depend solely on the local—for such is the obvious effect of his bill. One of two things must then happen: either the local rates must be increased so as to cover the entire expense, or the road must fail to pay and the company stop running. This, of course, is not what is intended, but it is the natural sequel. Until legislators can device some way of compelling railroad owners to run railroads at a loss, and of paying the deficiency out of their pockets for the privilege, they would do well to leave fares and freights to the unfailing forces for the privilege, they would do well to leave fares and freights to the unfailing forces for the privilege, they would do well to leave fares and freights to the unfailing forces for the privilege, they would do well to leave fares and freights to the unfailing forces for the privilege, they would do well to leave fares and freights to the unfailing forces for the privilege, they would do the force of the proposed for the privilege they would do the force of the proposed for the privilege they would do the force of the proposed for the privilege they would do the force of the force of the proposed for the unfailing force of the privilege they would do the force of the fo NEW ADVERTISEMENTS DR RENT-FROM APRIL 1sr, 1831 Building No. 1820 Main street; also, Wint Story 18, 23 and 25 Fourteenth street, which is 30 by & and can be divided to suit tennats. Enquire o feet, and can be divided to suit tenants. Enquire of ZANE & STALNAKER, No. 35 Twelfth street. In

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